26 July 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

Briefing of Senate Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Lebanese Arms Suppliers

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- 2. Committee. Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Members: McGovern (Chairman), McGee, Humphrey, Clark, Percy and Pearson. Staff: Seth Tillman (he used to be one of Senator Fulbright's principal speech writers) and possibly Bill Ashworth (who, for example, has been knee deep in briefings on the Sinai agreement).
  - 3. Subject. Arms suppliers to the various Lebanese factions
- 4. Time. 3:00 p.m. on the 27th or 9:45 a.m. on the 29th. We have a call pending with Tillman to suggest the 29th but without making a commitment.
- 5. Position. On the face of it, this request involves simply an intelligence briefing. Depending upon who is in attendance, there is no guarantee that a question will not be raised as to whether the U. S. Government is in any way involved. While not a proper forum for such a question, since the answer is negative, it probably is better to respond rather than to duck it on procedural grounds.
- 5. Notes: (a) Senator Percy has been a frequent requester of intelligence briefings from the Agency on the situation in the Middle East. (b) In addition to your notifying Habib, it would also be well to alert Sam Hoskinson for the National Security Council. This is the sort of item that we provide him for Bill Hyland.

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